

Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Christopher Stapleton and I am a concerned citizen from Wolcott, Connecticut.

I am writing you to ask for your support of Raised Senate Bill 354, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut. This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners.

Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force. These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in Connecticut.

I have read a few articles on Music Therapy, published in the Journal of Music Therapy. There is quite a bit of research done on Music Therapy and the effects it has had on infants, children, adolescents and the elderly. Music Therapy has, in many cases, been an important part of their lives and as been a successful intervention in helping people live quality lives. Music Therapy, delivered by an educated and highly trained Music Therapist, has become an important part of the future in Integrative Medicine.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote “yes” on Raised Senate Bill 354!

Sincerely,

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